



**OPEN MINUTES –BOARD MEETING**  
**Tuesday, March 1, 2005**

<u>Board Members Present</u>	<u>Staff Members Present</u>	
<i>Susan Parry, Chair</i>	<i>Superintendent McNeal</i>	Ann Hooker
<i>Patti Head, Vice Chair (Absent)</i>	Jo Baker	Maurice Boswell
Kathryn Watson Quigg	Del Burns	Donna Hargens
Beverley Clark	Luther Cherry	Mike Burriss
Rosa Gill	Julye Mizelle	Danny Barnes
Carol Parker	Michael Evans	
Amy White	Donald Haydon	
Ron Margiotta	Bev White	
Bill Fletcher	Linda Isley	
	Janice Shearin	<b><u>Board Attorney Present</u></b>
	Cindi Jolly	<i>Ken Soo</i>
	Toni Patterson	

*Susan Parry called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**Chair’s Comments**

- *Chairwoman Parry and other board members attended the Elected Officials “Go to School,” during the week of February 22-25, 2005.*
- *She announced that several board members attended the PTA Presidents’ Reception at Exploris.*
- *Several board members attended the ABC Awards recognition at the RBC Center on February 21, 2005, and the Lights of Hope Award Ceremony.*
- *Ms. Parry participated in “Read Across America” at Combs Elementary School.*
- *She reminded the board of the upcoming joint meeting with the County Commissioners.*
- *The Student Reassignment Public Hearing is scheduled for Monday, March 14, at Sanderson High School.*
- *Chairwoman Parry also announced that when she was in Shanghai, China, last year, a trip sponsored by Burroughs Welcome to examine best practices in education, students from Enloe High School were there on a separate state department grant to further international understanding. The students lived with families, attended school with their pen pals and learned first-hand about the Chinese culture. The Chinese host brothers and sisters are in Raleigh, now and she asked their Enloe host to introduce them. A reception was given to honor them.*

**Superintendent’s Report**

- *Superintendent McNeal announced that the school system received a letter of commendation from the City of Raleigh for its response to the inclement weather and traffic gridlock on January 19.*
- *He announced that Bob Smith, Principal of Durant Road Middle School, would be inducted into the Louisiana State University Hall of Fame. Mr. Smith won eight individual Southeastern Conference titles in track and field, setting four SEC records.*

- *Mr. McNeal announced that the Lights of Hope Award winners were Washington Elementary School and Ligon Middle School. The community winners were Mia Green, Wake County PTA Council President-elected, and Bettye Murchison, community advocate, for their work in mobilizing the community towards a sense of fairness and justice for all and serving as a positive role models.*
- *The school system recognized 99 schools for their performance on the state ABCs in achieving Schools of Excellence and Schools of Distinction status. There were 64 Schools of Excellence and 35 Schools of Distinction.*
- *Magnet Schools of America named Combs Elementary, Poe Elementary, Washington Elementary, Centennial Campus Middle, East Millbrook Middle, and Ligon Middle as Magnet Schools of Excellence. Bugg Elementary, Douglas Elementary, Farmington Woods Elementary, and Carnage Middle were named Magnet Schools of Distinction.*
- *The week of March 6-12 is School Social Worker Week. Mr. McNeal thanked them for their hard work and commitment to our students.*
- *He reminded the board of the National Board Certified Teachers Reception on March 8, at 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m., at the North Raleigh Hilton.*

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

***Roosevelt Farmer. President of Coalition of Concern Citizens of African American Children.***  
*The purpose of this organization is to create and develop a partnership with Board of Education, and to address long-and short-term suspensions, and to also decrease the dropout rate of African American youths. He thanked the board for the hard work they do.*

## **APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**

- *Rosa Gill made a motion to amend the meeting agenda to [pull](#) from the Facilities Action Agenda Item #8, “Bids : New Modular Elementary School on DuBois Site and Item # 9, Bids: Daniels Middle and Item #11, “Construction Documents: Hedingham Middle.”*
- *Beverley Clark made a motion to amend the meeting agenda for closed session to establish, or instruct board’s staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the board in negotiation of (i) the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease; or (ii) the amount of compensation and other material terms of an employment contract or proposed employment contract. The property, if acquired, will be used for a new public school facility and is located at the intersection of North Allen and Perry Street, Wake Forest, North Carolina. G.S.143-138.11 (a)(5).*
- *Beverley Clark made a motion to amend the meeting agenda for closed session to consult with an attorney employed or retained by the board in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the board. G.S. 143.318-11 (a)(3).*
- *Beverley Clark made a motion to amend the meeting agenda to add to the Facilities Action Agenda “Resolution Pertaining to Funding of Plan 2004 Capital Building Program Projects.”*

*Bill Fletcher made a motion to approve the amended meeting agenda, seconded Amy White. The vote was unanimous.*

## CONSENT ITEMS

*Bill Fletcher made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Rosa Gill. The vote was unanimous*

### APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

February 8, 2005-Finance Committee  
 February 8, 2005- Human Resources Committee  
 February 1, 2005 – Closed Session Minutes

### INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS

#### **1. DRIVER EDUCATION CONTRACT RENEWAL**

Statutory authority G.S. 20-881, 115C-216 and Title 16 of the N.C. Administrative Code provide enabling authority to contract for Driver Education Program Services. In July 2004, a new contract with the two-year renewal option was awarded to Jordan Driving School. We are completing the first year of the contract. Jordan Driving School has provided quality service to students and has cooperated regarding all program modifications. Recommend renewal of contract for Driver Education Program Services to Jordan Driving School, Inc.

#### **2. NEW SCHOOL NAME FOR THE SCHOOL FACILITY-EAST WAKE SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCE**

On February 8, 2005, the Board of Education approved the School of Health science as an autonomous school under the terms and conditions of the grant application. The school must be officially named in order to secure a number as a separate cost center. Staff requests Board approval to officially name the school – East Wake School of Health Science.

### FACILITIES

#### **1. UTILITY EASEMENT – PLEASANT UNION ELEMENTARY**

Ms. Julia Nipper is constructing a new residence adjacent to Pleasant Union Elementary and requires electrical service. Progress Energy requests an easement 10 feet in width and approximately 30 feet in length across an existing easement previously granted to Progress Energy. The easement will provide for an underground line and will not negatively impact school property. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: Staff requests Board approval of a utility easement to Progress Energy to serve a private residence adjacent to Pleasant Union Elementary.

#### **2. RESOLUTION: STATE BOND FUNDING REALLOCATION/PROJECT CLOSINGS**

Resolution requests reallocation of project savings from the State Bond projects at Olds Elementary, Brentwood Elementary, Fuquay-Varina High, Garner High, Ligon Middle, Rolesville Elementary, Carnage Middle, Combs Elementary, Underwood Elementary, Wiley Elementary, Farmington Woods Elementary, Fuquay-Varina Elementary, Wake Forest Elementary, Longview School, East Garner Middle, Lacy Elementary, Poe Elementary, Root Elementary, Martin Middle, West Cary Middle, Carroll Middle, Technology Infrastructure, American with Disabilities Act (ADA), Green Hope Elementary, Moore Square Museums Magnet Middle, and Holly Springs Middle to Knightdale High. Total reallocation amount is \$974,651.82. This action will close all State Bond projects except for Knightdale High. A future bond action will be required to reallocate the PLAN 2000 savings that will be created by this action. Fiscal Implications: No additional appropriation of funding is necessary. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

## **FINANCE**

### **1. GIFTS TO THE SYSTEM**

Forty-nine gifts have been donated to the Wake County Public School System. The approximate value of the gifts is \$43,511.45. *(Exhibit A)*

### **2. REQUEST TO CHANGE PAY DATES FOR TEACHER ASSISTANTS AND CHILD NUTRITION SERVICES TO THE LAST WORKING DAY OF EACH MONTH BEGINNING SCHOOL YEAR 2005-2006**

1. Senate Bill 1464 now requires 10-month certified employees to be paid no later than August 31, 2005 and no later than one month thereafter.
2. Teacher Assistants and Child Nutrition Services have traditionally been paid on the same dates as 10-month certified employees.
3. Teacher Assistants and Child Nutrition Services will not be prepaid. For the months of August and June, they will receive pay for days or hours worked.
4. Teacher Assistants and Child Nutrition Services will have voluntary deductions taken over a period of nine (9) months, September through May.
5. Creating one end of month payroll for all 10-month employees is expected to be a time saving process and will allow for consistency. Fiscal Implications: None anticipated at this time.

## **HUMAN RESOURCES**

### **1. RECOMMENDATION FOR EMPLOYMENT *(Exhibit B)***

#### **COMMITTEE CHAIRS' REPORTS**

*The Policy Committee will meet on Tuesday, March 8, at 9:30 a.m. to discuss the homework and Character Education policies.*

*The Finance Committee the meeting for Tuesday, March 8, has been canceled.*

*The Human Resources Committee continued its discussion on Goal 2008: "Teacher Enhancement and Leadership Support." The next meeting will be on March 8, 2005, at 11 a.m.*

*The Instructional Program Committee continued its discussion of high school redesign. The committee will continue studying this issue, to include a discussion of the 4x4 block schedule. The next meeting will be March 8 at 12:30 p.m.*

*The Community Relations Committee will meet on Wednesday, March 9, at 3:30 p.m.*

*The Facilities Committee met today to review the items on the agenda. By meeting before the board meeting, board members can more fully ask questions and get answers from staff.*

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS**

#### **1. GROWTH MANAGEMENT REASSIGNMENT PLAN FOR 2005-2006**

The staff of the Office of Growth Management will present recommendations for the 2005-2006 Growth Management reassignment plan. This item is presented for information. *(Exhibit C)*

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **1. RESOLUTON PERTAINING TO FUNDING OF PLAN 2004 CAPITAL BUILDING PROGRAM PROJECTS** *(Exhibit D)*

*Beverley Clark made a motion to approve, seconded by Bill Fletcher. The vote was unanimous.*

### **FACILITIES**

#### **1. SCHEMATIC DESIGN: WAKE FOREST ROLESVILLE HIGH**

Staff will present the schematic design documents prepared by Davis Kane Architects, PA, for the construction of Wake Forest Rolesville High Vocational Education Building. The original program specified a renovation of the existing building. Upon analysis by the architect, the best solution is the construction of a new building. This most cost effective solution will require additional funding. At the February 15, 2005 Board meeting, the schematic design was tabled pending educational impact review. See the attached memo. Fiscal Implications: The proposed project budget is \$3,040,445 of which \$2,540,445 is provided in the PLAN 2004 School Building Program. A future reallocation of \$500,000 will be required. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

*Beverley Clark made a motion to approve, seconded by Kathryn Watson Quigg. The vote was unanimous.*

#### **2. SCHEMATIC DESIGN: E-18 ELEMENTARY (HOLLY SPRINGS SITE)**

Staff will present the schematic design documents prepared by Cherry Huffman Architects, PA, for the construction of E-18 Elementary (Holly Springs Site). Fiscal Implications: Funding is available from the total project budget of \$ 15,033,140, as provided in the PLAN 2004 School Building Program. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

*Ron Margiotta made a motion to approve, seconded by Bill Fletcher. The vote was unanimous.*

#### **3. BRIER CREEK ELEMENTARY – PROPERTY DIVISION**

On August 13, 2003, the Board of Education and the City of Raleigh acquired 20.03 acres of land on Brier Creek Parkway for a new elementary school and community park. Title was conveyed in the form of ½ undivided interests to the Board and the City. A property division is now required conveying 10.014 acres to the Board and 10.013 acres to the City. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: Staff requests Board approval to convey its ½ undivided interest in 20.03 acres to the City of Raleigh in return for the City conveying its ½ undivided interest in 20.03 acres to the Board of Education.

*Amy White made a motion to approve, seconded by Kathryn Watson Quigg. The vote was unanimous.*

#### **4. NAME FOR NEW SCHOOL FACILITY – SOUTHEAST RALEIGH (E-10)**

On February 15, 2005, the Board of Education approved of a contract to acquire 18.75 acres of land on Barwell Road, Raleigh, for a new 792 student capacity elementary facility and City of Raleigh community center. The project to bid in March is scheduled to open for the Fall term 2006. Naming of the new facility is now required. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: Staff requests Board approval to officially name the new elementary facility – Barwell Road Elementary.

*Amy White made a motion to approve, seconded by Beverley Clark. The vote was unanimous.*

## 5. NAME FOR NEW SCHOOL FACILITY - ROLESVILLE

On January 11, 2005, the Board of Education acquired 16.394 acres for a new elementary facility in Rolesville. The property fronts Stratford School Boulevard, which runs from Rogers Road to West Young Street. The property acquired is a portion of a larger tract to be developed as a mixed-use community entitled Stratford. Naming of the new elementary facility is now required. The following names have been reviewed with staff and elected officials with the Town of Rolesville: (1) Sanford Creek Elementary, (2) Granite Woods Elementary, (3) Carolina Pines Elementary. Granite Woods and Carolina Pines are not recommended due to potential new subdivisions having similar names. Sanford Creek is in close proximity to the school site. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: Staff requests Board approval to officially name the new elementary school – Sanford Creek Elementary.

*Kathryn Watson Quigg made a motion to approve, seconded by Rosa Gill. The vote was unanimous.*

## 6. BIDS: NEW MODULARS AT FOX ROAD AND COMBS ELEMENTARY

Bids were received on February 22, 2005 for the site setup of the six classroom modular complex at Fox Road Elementary and Combs Elementary Schools. Staff and Brown and Jones Architects recommend award of a single prime contract to Beau Chene Company, LLC in the amount of \$244,000. Fiscal Implications: The total project budget is \$34,400,000, of which \$25,203,000 is currently available through PLAN 2004 appropriations of \$18,346,749 to the PLAN 2004 Mobile Classrooms – Growth project and PLAN 2000 reallocations of \$6,856,251 to the PLAN 2000 Mobile Classroom project. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

*Carol Parker made a motion to approve, seconded by Ron Margiotta. The vote was unanimous.*

## 7. BIDS: HARRIS CREEK ELEMENTARY (E11)

Bids for the construction of Harris Creek Elementary were received on February 1, 2005. Staff and Small Kane Architects, PA recommend award of the single-prime contract to J.M.

Thompson Company in the amount of \$13,033,700. The total of the low multi-prime bids was \$13,138,347. Fiscal Implications: The proposed total project budget is \$16,300,225. Current available funds consist of \$14,638,480 from the PLAN 2004 School Building Program and \$170,000 from Wake County Parks and Recreation for a joint-use playfield. This will fund the award of the construction contract. A future reallocation of \$1,491,745 is needed to fully fund the project. Recommendation for Action: Board Approval is requested.

*Kathryn Watson Quigg made a motion to approve, seconded by Bill Fletcher. The vote was unanimous.*

Break 6:25 P.M.

Reconvened at 6:35 p.m.

## SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS

*Eighteen students were recognized as Spotlight on Student award winners.*

<i>Justin Hoff, Davis Drive Elementary School</i>	<i>Alexandra Irvine, Lead Mine Elementary School</i>
<i>Andrew Gong, Ballentine Elementary School</i>	<i>Roneisha Tabron, Mount Vernon Middle School</i>
<i>Duncan Quint, Jones Diary Elementary School</i>	<i>Kacey Tilley, Wake Forest-Rolesville Middle</i>
<i>Matthew Graig, Morrisville Elementary School</i>	<i>Natalie Seibel, East Wake Middle School</i>
<i>Marvin Vazquez, Green Elementary School</i>	<i>Madeline Pendergraft, Salem Middle School</i>
<i>Mary Holanek, Green Hope Elementary School</i>	<i>Antonio Williams, Fuquay Varina Middle School</i>
<i>Rosalie Shays, Underwood Elementary School</i>	<i>Dawson Berry, East Millbrook Middle School</i>

<i>Megan King, Wake Forest Elementary School</i>	<i>Kimberly Miller, Millbrook High School</i>
<i>Rangoli Battacharjee, Dillard Drive Elementary</i>	
<i>Bradon Griffin, Salem Elementary School</i>	

## **FINANCE**

### **1. SELF-INSURED WORKERS' COMPENSATION FUND BALANCE DESIGNATED RESERVE APPROPRIATION REQUEST**

The reserved amount for designated claims incurred but not paid for Workers' Compensation from years 2002-2003 and 2003-2004 is \$983,189.

- The budgeted amount for Workers' Compensation for 2004-2005 is \$998,854.
- Funds previously reserved for incurred but not paid claims are required at this time.
- The funding for reserves required to complete fiscal year 2004-2005 is projected to be \$680,000.

Fiscal Implications: Funds are currently available in the Designated Reserve Fund Balance.

*Bill Fletcher made a motion to approve, seconded by Beverley Clark. The vote was unanimous.*

## **CLOSED SESSION**

*Bill Fletcher made a motion to go into closed session at 7:15 p.m. to consider confidential student information protected under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and G.S. 115C-402; and to consult with an attorney to establish, or instruct board's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the board in negotiation of (i) the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease; or (ii) the amount of compensation and other material terms of an employment contract or proposed employment contract. The property if acquired will be used for a new public school facility and is located at the intersection of North Allen and Perry Street, Wake Forest, North Carolina pursuant to G.S.143-138.11 (a)(5), seconded by Carol Parker. The vote was unanimous.*

*Reconvened at 7:40 p.m.*

*Motion by Bill Fletcher to amend the meeting agenda for Facilities to include revised Ground Lease for Modular School-DuBois Property-Wake Forest. Terms and conditions of a ground lease with the National Alumni Association of DuBois High School have been reached providing approximately 6.22 acres for a modular school complex. The lease term begins March 1, 2005 and ends July 31, 2007. The motion was seconded by Kathryn Watson Quigg.*

*Kathryn Watson Quigg made a motion to approve Ground Lease for Modular School-DuBois Property-Wake Forest, seconded by Bill Fletcher. Mr. Margiotta objected because he felt other options were available at a better price that would not move children out of their neighborhood. Carol Parker objected because she felt adequate time was not spent on the options and that other options from developers were better. The vote was 3 to 3 with Susan Parry voting "yes" to break the tie (4 to 3). Amy White, Ron Margiotta and Carol Parker voted "no" and Beverley Clark, Kathryn Watson Quigg, Susan Parry and Bill Fletcher voting "yes."*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

*There being no further business before the board, a motion to adjourn was made by Ron Margiotta, seconded by Carol Parker. The vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

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Elwanda K. Farrow, Recording Secretary

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Bill McNeal, Superintendent, WCPSS

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Susan Parry, Chair, Wake County Board Of Education